

Highlights of the Trails

- The SAUGEEN SHORES TRAILS, in partnership with the SAUGEEN RAILTRAIL, form a NON-MOTORIZED, 35km loop trail from the north end of Southampton to MacGregor Point Park at the south end. The Trails meander through the Town of Saugeen Shores (Southampton, Port Elgin and Saugeen Townships) woodlands, along Lake Huron Shoreline and, at times, follow the Saugeen RailTrail, crossing pedestrian bridges and old Railroad trusses and extending into MacGregor Point Park at the south end of the loop.
- The trails feature a combination of surfaces (stone dust, asphalt and wood chips) ideal for walkers, joggers, cyclists, cross-country skiers and snow-shoers. Parts of the woodchip trails, north of Concession 10, are also used by horseback riders.
- The stone dust and asphalt sections are wheel-chair accessible.
- Distance and direction markers are located along the trails.
- Benches and picnic tables are available along the trails.
- Enjoy the Trails

Trail Users' Code

- NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES
- Obey all posted signs
- Use at your own risk
- Keep dogs on leash at all times and obey Poop & Scoop By-Law
- Cyclists and Horse-back Riders must share the trails, alert pedestrians and pass with care
- Respect private property along the trails
- Cross roads and driveways with extreme caution
- Please leave trails litter-free
- Leave nothing but thanks; take nothing but photographs

History

Connecting Partners

SAUGEEN RAILTRAIL - SAUGEEN SHORES TRAILS
 Built in the late 1860's and early 1870's the Wellington Grey Bruce Railway served the communities of Southampton and Port Elgin by transporting local products and people to other Ontario cities. Later, it was taken over by the Canadian National Railway and the main line and newer spur lines continued rail service for well over 100 years.

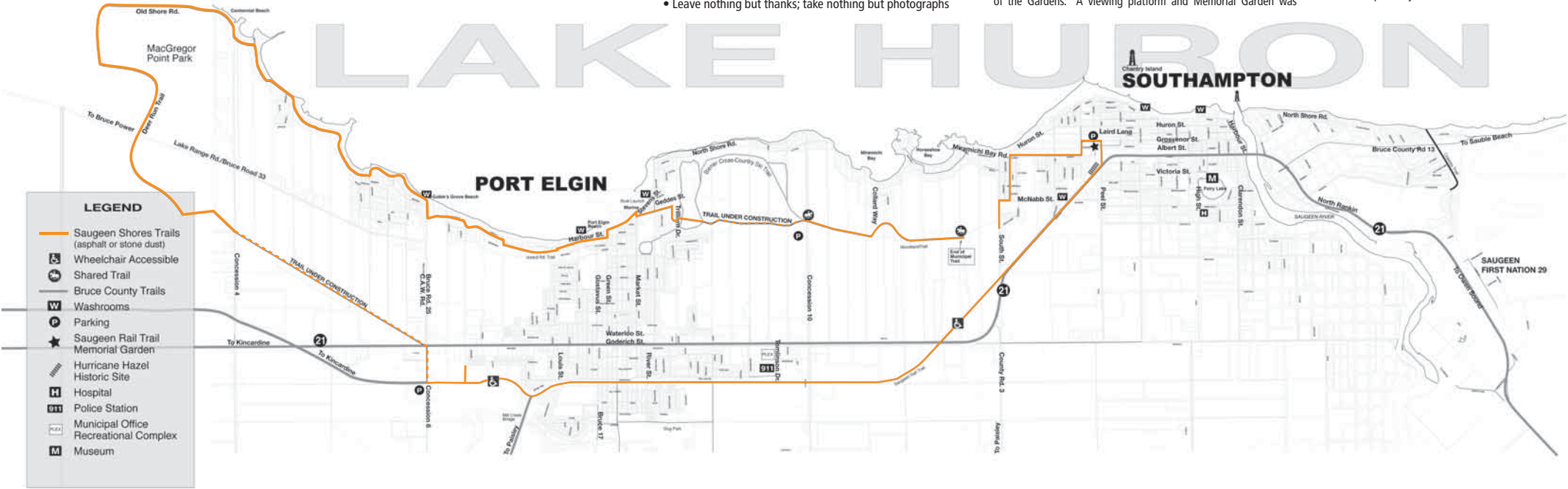
In 1954, Hurricane Hazel caused a horrific accident near the south end of Southampton and washed out the tracks. Two trainmen lost their lives that day. The '54 historical crash site, was restored in 2008 with funding partners... Ontario Trillium Foundation, Saugeen RailTrail, Bruce Power Workers Union, Society of Professional Engineers, Southport Horticultural Society, Town of Saugeen Shores, and Friends of the Gardens. A viewing platform and Memorial Garden was

established at the site. Matching benches will be added later.

Eventually, the decline in the rail service led the CN to begin decommissioning rail lines and selling them off. A dedicated group of volunteers founded the Saugeen RailTrail Association in 1990, and it was with the SRT prompting that Port Elgin (1992) and Saugeen Township (1993) acquired the railway section of the then unused rail bed. Subsequently, a plan was put in place that opened up the Saugeen RailTrail officially on July 5, 1995. After further negotiation, Southampton purchased their section of the rail bed in 1997.

It is interesting to note that these same three (3) 'railtrail-connected' municipalities amalgamated in 1999 to become the Town of Saugeen Shores.

In 2004, Saugeen Shores Town Council commissioned a Parks and Trails Master Plan. The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee was then formed to implement, over a ten-year period, a complete non-motorized loop trail system.



1 Year Membership Renewal
 Your generosity works to build & maintain the Trail

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

- Basic Membership \$20.00
- Patron \$50.00
- Trailblazer \$100.00
- Donations Appreciated

Charitable tax receipts will be given, thank you.

\$50.00 or more will be recognized with name posted at the River Street Kiosk

Saugeen RailTrail Memorial Gardens have been established in remembrance of loved ones. Donations can be made through the Saugeen RailTrail Association.

Thank You for being a partner in the S.R.T. vision

Please contact me about volunteering

Please mail to:
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 Port Elgin, ON
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